

GOV. TAFT'S COMING

Many Things About Philippine Situation to Be Explained.

REAL CONDITIONS OF THE MILITARY

Reported Friction Between It and the Civil Government.

ATTITUDE OF NATIVES

The early arrival of Judge Taft, civil governor of the Philippine Islands in Washington is awaited with much interest at the War Department and in Congress. Governor Taft has been requested by Secretary Root to come to Washington at the earliest possible moment for the purpose of a thorough discussion of conditions in the Philippines. He is expected to shed a flood of light upon the military and political situation, the attitude of the natives toward the Americans, the prospect of peace, and what is being done for the development of the islands by the civil government, of which he is the head. Copies of the bills of Senator Lodge and Representative Cooper for the government of the Philippines were forwarded to Governor Taft at San Francisco, in order that he might digest them thoroughly on his journey across the continent. Governor Taft left Manila suffering from a recent surgical operation, but it is expected that he will have substantially recovered during his voyage across the Pacific and will be in condition to do much to enlighten Congress and the American people regarding the true state of our oriental wards. Governor Taft has a personality at once masterful, engaging, and disarming. He is a man of truth and candor, and is likely to have more weight with the committee than any other single individual who has spoken in regard to the Philippines. He probably will remain in Washington for two months or more and have the opportunity to make his views felt in many ways outside the formal hearings in the committee rooms.

The Military Situation.

One of the first problems to which the governor is likely to address himself is a clearer explanation of the military situation than has yet been presented to the public. It is felt at the War Department that many errors are caused in the public judgment of the military situation because of confusion regarding Philippine geography. The careless reader of accounts of petty skirmishes and sporadic attacks upon the American troops is in much the position of the European reader of the former days, who carelessly inferred that Indians were taking scalp in the vicinity of New York or Chicago, when the real uprisings along the Little Big Horn or in the mountains of Arizona. Governor Taft will be able to point out that the insurrection is a political force, not a military one, and that the United States is not at all to be feared. He will also point out that the insurrection is not a religious one, as the natives are coming to terms. The other outbreaks reported from time to time are in the essentially uncivilized islands and have little if any relation to the situation in Luzon and the Philippines. The stronger men who have written his proclamations and pulled the strings for his movements. A candid and exact exposition of the situation from Governor Taft will tend, it is believed, to clear up misconceptions on these points, and reveal to the American people the remarkable progress made in pacification since the tour of the civil commission a year ago, after the news of the defeat of Mr. Bryan had been spread into the ears of the people of the provinces. At that time, as Governor Taft will undoubtedly point out, resistance came to an end very suddenly in many provinces and the United States for the organization of provincial governments which were passed by the commission created a profound impression in favor of the sincerity and benevolent intentions of the United States.

Reported Friction.

Another point upon which Governor Taft will undoubtedly be questioned closely by the opposition members of committees is the reported friction between the civil and military authorities in the Philippines. The governor will be able to show that his relations with General Chaffee are most cheerful, that General Chaffee has cheerfully acquiesced in the orders of the War Department, that the civil and military authorities are recognized as paramount in all civil affairs, and that such friction as exists is largely confined to subordinate matters or has arisen over local matters. The fact that the civil authorities have from time to time, with the approval of the War Department, resumed possession of many public buildings, which were taken by the military after the withdrawal of the Spanish government, has naturally caused local irritation, but nothing to do with the progress of peace and good order among the natives. Governor Taft will explain the natural difference of the point of view between the civil and military authorities, the military, growing out of the necessity that the latter should be on their guard and ready to act promptly and efficiently in case their worst fears are realized. He will explain the principles involved in one or two cases of difference which arose with General Chaffee and the happy solution which was reached through the cordial relations existing between them and the conciliatory policy pursued by both officials.

When to Grant Local Legislative Body.

Governor Taft will undoubtedly be asked whether he has changed the views expressed in the report of the Philippine Commission to Secretary Root, in favor of granting to the Philippine people a local legislative body after January 1, 1904. A full project for establishing such an assembly was embodied in the bill of Representative Cooper, chairman of the committee on the Philippines, in the insular affairs, but was not embodied in the bill of Senator Lodge, chairman of the Senate committee on the Philippines. There is some doubt in administration circles as to the wisdom of fixing a hard and fast date for the creation of such an assembly, but Governor Taft will present arguments in favor of it which will be of great value. It is possible that a modification will be suggested, which will give the Philippine people the assembly whenever the military and civil authorities are alike satisfied that order has been restored and that the time for testing the capacity of the Philippine people for self-government has come. The Philippine people are already being tested in the municipalities and in the provincial governments, where a part of the officials are native Filipinos. Governor Taft proposed that the power to vote should remain with the governing board, consisting partly of Americans and partly of Filipinos, in case the majority in the native assembly should refuse to vote.

Views on Tariff Changes.

The views of Governor Taft in regard to the tariff between the United States and the Philippines are also likely to interest the administration and the committees of Congress. The governor will undoubtedly sustain in the strongest manner the recommendation of his report, that a reduction of 50 per cent on the duties on Philippine exports on articles arriving from the Philippines. He will point out that such a concession would be a direct benefit to the American people, and that it is a source of annoyance to any European nation the United States will be extremely gratified to make such a concession. He will point out that the Philippine people are already being tested in the municipalities and in the provincial governments, where a part of the officials are native Filipinos. Governor Taft proposed that the power to vote should remain with the governing board, consisting partly of Americans and partly of Filipinos, in case the majority in the native assembly should refuse to vote.

Clean Sweep

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OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK TOMORROW EVENING.

Clean Sweep Fine Hosiery.

This special sale of Hosiery goes ahead of all records of hosiery sales. It's an opportunity which comes so rarely that both present and prospective needs should be looked to. It is dealing in futures that will pay.

Women's Hose.

At 5c. Regular 12c. quality Black Cotton Hose; heavy quality; plain; guaranteed perfect; fast color; lace top.

At 17c. Regular 35c. grades of Lace and Thread Hose; lace top; throughout; more than 50 styles to select from in black; all sizes.

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A Clean Sweep Sale Surprise--

Finest \$25 Costumes--\$12.98

You can thank the Clean Sweep Sale for the nearly-half-off prices on these elegant costumes. The best suit makers—manufacturers with a world reputation—designed and made them. The suits are in the finest quality of black and blue pebble cheviot, double-breasted jacket styles, lined with satin; skirt is made ample width and handsomely trimmed with deep flounce. \$25 is the price asked for such a suit—and the price they have always brought here, until the Clean Sweep Sale made the figure.

\$12.98

The Sale's Best Offering--

Fine Dress Skirts.

These Taffeta Silk Dress Skirts have been the favorites in the Clean Sweep selling, and well they may be, for such beautiful, high-class and ultra-stylish garments are in a class by themselves. They are lined and unlined; some with silk drop skirts; trimmings are most elaborate and include corded satin bands, fine tucked flounces, designs in white silk stitching, applique lace, hemstitched and tucked circular flounces, corded flounces, stitched taffeta bands, accordion pleating, etc. Best velvet bindings. These elegant garments sell up to \$30.00, but the Clean Sweep Sale has made the surprising price of...

Beautiful Black Cheviot Serge Skirts, made in the newest styles—trimmed with 6 rows of stitched satin bands. Worth several times the sale price. **\$3.98**

Ladies' Gray, Brown and Blue Walking Skirts—double-strapped seams and stitched hems; a superior garment. Sale Price. **\$2.98**

Finest Black Cheviot Dress Skirts, narrow hip, serpentine effect, beautifully trimmed with stitched taffeta silk bands in four widths, forming deep flounce—sell for \$12.98. Clean Sweep Price. **\$9.98**

Clean Sweep Prices on the Stylish Furs.

Very Fine Imitation Marten Neckpieces; extra long tails; \$5 regular; Clean Sweep Sale Price. **\$1.98**

Heavy Fox Fur Neckpieces, very long and bushy; very stylish; regular price \$4.98; Clean Sweep Sale Price. **\$3.98**

Handsome and Stylish Neckpieces, made of fine marten fur; high grade; sold at \$7.98. Clean Sweep Sale Price. **\$2.98**

Handsome and Stylish Neckpieces; made of fine marten fur; high grade; sold at \$12. Clean Sweep Sale Price. **\$6.98**

More Than Half Saved on

Finest Kersey Coats.

We do not recall ever having placed so small a price on such thoroughly high-class and superior garments. At \$19.98 they are fairly priced—at \$8.98 they are practically given away. These beautiful coats are made of the very finest quality of English kersey cloth, tan, castor, black, blue and brown—lined throughout with best Skinner Satin; some have triple-stitched yokes back and front; wide strapped seams; velvet collar; deep cuff sleeves; rows of silk stitching around; two rows pearl buttons. The coats are full 28 inches long and are sold everywhere at \$19.98 and thereabouts—the Clean Sweep Sale **\$8.98** brings the price down to...

Taffeta Silk Waists--

\$6, \$7 and \$8 Qualities--Sale Price, \$2.98.

Here's the quick-selling line—which always means that the savings are extraordinary. Finest quality of Black and Colored Taffeta Silk Waists in many styles, such as applique effects in embroidery, clusters of tucks and all-over tuck effects, silk herringbone-stripe inserting, hemstitching, &c. These waists sell readily at \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00, but the quick closing-out before inventory places them in the Clean Sweep Sale marked at the unheard-of price of...

\$2.98

The Elegant French Flannel

Waists at \$1.98.

The French Flannel Waists which have been ready sellers at \$5 and \$6 before the Clean Sweep Sale made the price \$1.98 were the center of interest during the week. The variety embraces Silk-Embroidered Waists, Taffeta Silk-Trimmed Waists, Braid-Trimmed Waists; some with the stylish bishop sleeves and some with the equally stylish flare cuff. There is every size and a fairly complete variety, notwithstanding the extensive selling. Thousands of these waists have been sold here this season for \$5 and \$6, and the sale price of \$1.98 makes an offering which is simply beyond comparison.

HECHTS' GREATER STORES, 513-515 Seventh Street.

of which the W. C. T. U. building at 522 6th street, recently acquired by the organization, may be furnished. This building cost the union about \$12,000, of which one-third has been paid. The remaining \$8,000 has been divided into notes of \$1,000 each, the one to which attention was called last fall due in April. The program as mapped out by the union in the conduct of the affairs of the building calls for an expenditure of \$100 a month, but under the present conditions an expenditure of this amount cannot be made. An appeal for aid addressed to the convention netted in a short time about \$200 in subscriptions. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. E. De Rimer, gave a most encouraging account of the growth of the work and increase of membership during the past quarter. Mrs. Charles P. Grandfield, treasurer, submitted a report. A report was read of the work done by the Wage-earners' Club, of which Mrs. Nellie H. Bradley is superintendent. This club is composed of boys and girls who are employed as messengers and in the different stores of this city. Meetings are held once a week, and a lunch is served by the members of the W. C. T. U. A noon prayer service was conducted by Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, which was followed by the reading of reports of the superintendents of the various departments of temperance work. Mrs. L. D. Fouts presented the report of the department on scientific temperance instruction, and Mrs. Ellen Drew reported for the department of anti-narcotics. An adjournment was then taken for lunch. Mrs. E. A. Hart lead the devotional exercises, after which Mrs. Margaret Dye

The Greatest Day of the Week

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Extraordinary Clean Sweep Selling in

Men's High Grade Shirts.

You'd be surprised if you knew the number of dozens of men's shirts which have gone out since the Clean Sweep Sale began. Evidence enough that prices are substantially under the lowest named elsewhere. Take these as examples—and come early tomorrow—

Fancy Percale and Laundered White Shirts. We can't tell you the maker's name, as they are sold in all stores for \$1.00—to buy them at a low price we had to consent to taking the labels out. They are here tomorrow for... **49c.**

Some Neglige Shirts from the same maker in the lot. One lot of 15 dozen White Laundered Shirts—excellent quality, made to sell for 75c., and well worth it—Here tomorrow for... **29c.**

Clean Sweep Knit Underwear.

Women's Heavy Ribbed Cotton Flannel Vests and Pants, lined with silk ribbon and pearl buttons; extra well made. Usually retailing for 35c. per garment. All sizes. **19c.**

Women's Silk-Trimmed Vests and Pants, extra heavy ribbed cotton flannel lined, neatly made and guaranteed perfect in make and fit. Retailing for 35c. All sizes. **35c.**

Children's Heavy Ribbed Cotton Flannel and Natural Wool Underwear, trimmed with silk ribbon and pearl buttons. **19c.**

Men's Colored Merino Shirts and Drawers, in white and medium sizes, and prices are dropped from the regular selling figure of \$1.50 per garment to the clean-sweep figure of... **59c.**

About 150 Shirts left, in broken assortment of well-known makes, full fashioned and regular made; natural white and tan colors, in button shirts, to be sold at the absurdly low price of... **59c.**

Clean Sweep Sale Prices on

Men's and Women's Furnishings.

Four-ply Lisle Collars, 10c. kind—5c. Men's 3c. Supers—10c. Men's 5c. Kind—10c. Men's 10c. Silk Neckwear—45c. Men's 5c. Night Shirts—30c. Men's 10c. Shirts—30c. Men's Cardigan Jackets, \$2.50 kind—\$1.15.

Men's Adler's Gloves, \$1.50 kind—75c. Men's Silk Garters, 25c. kind—5c. Women's \$1.00 Kid Gloves—45c. Women's 25c. Flannel Gloves—5c. Women's 25c. Face Veilings—15c. The Embroideries—25c. 8c. Towels—25c.

Finest Mid-Winter Millinery

At Clean Sweep Prices.

There's always selling activity in the Millinery Department. For tomorrow the attractions are most inviting. Read the inducements for a prompt visit—

Ladies' Elegantly Trimmed Hats, the very latest examples of mid-winter millinery, made and trimmed in best velvets, chenille braids, braids, buckles, etc., modeled from the best Parisian designs. Wonderful values at from \$1 to \$13—special. **\$1.98**

Ladies' and Misses' Untrimmed Fur Felt Hats, including some Ready-to-Wear Hats; perfect quality; have sold for 60c. to \$1.98. **5c.**

Ladies' Untrimmed Hats, made of finest fur felts, in short-backs, turbans, large, small and medium shapes; all sizes. Perfectly new goods, selling from \$1.39 to \$2.25. **39c.**

Satine Underskirts, 69c.

We've a lot of the Fine Mercerized Satine Underskirts left from the big sale of the Selz stock—the grades selling at 98c., \$1.49 and \$1.98—all best mercerized satine, one, two and three ruffles; some accordion pleating. All are included in the Clean Sweep Sale at...

69c.

Infants' Bedford Cord Coats--\$1.98.

Long Coats for the babies—made of fine quality Bedford cord, extra good materials throughout, never sold under \$2.98.

Sheet Music Reduced to 12 1/2c.

"Every Race Has a King But the Queen," "Paul Dresser's Last," "My Volunteer," "Ma Honey Belle," "Pony, Come Kiss Your Baby," "Every Darkey Had a Raglan On," "In the Home of the Good Lord," "The Majestic," "A Signal From Mary," "Sunbeam," "When Johnny Goes A-Swimming," "Ole," "Come Back, O'le," "Simple Little Sister Mary Green." 2,000 copies very slightly soiled Sheet Music—25c.

This Overcoat Sale Has Set the Town Talking.

Credit the Hecht Clothing Department with another immense success—for the men of Washington came to this Overcoat Sale today in such numbers that the enlarged and adept sales force were kept busy as bees from the moment the store opened.

And tomorrow will be a bigger day. The news travels. Buyers will make buyers. Offerings such as these cannot and do not fail to make a purse point with every man.

The necessity to close out every possible dollar's worth before inventory is the prime cause of this most extraordinary Overcoat Sale. It's a Clean Sweep in its most vigorous sense.

You men who know qualities—who know the worthful in make and material—who know prevailing prices—who are abreast with the best styles—these are the buyers we are best pleased to serve and who are best pleased by the opportunity we place before them.

The Coats are in all the season's best and newest and most called-for styles and fabrics—long, short and medium lengths, coats with the yoke effect and without, the long box coat, the swell padlocks and surtouts; in the black frizzes, Oxford grays, olives, blacks, blues—all the popular stuffs—the height of perfection down to the smallest detail.

Overcoats which sell up to \$15.00 - - - - - \$7.50

Overcoats which sell up to \$20.00 - - - - - \$11.75

Overcoats which sell up to \$25.00 - - - - - \$14.75

Overcoats for young men, and will fit small men, selling up to \$15.00 - - - - - \$3.98

Made of Finest Brown, Blue and Black Kersey, Elegant Quality, Sold at \$12 and \$15.

Many Wonderful Clean Sweep Specials in Boys' Wear.

The big price advantages the Clean Sweep Sale makes possible in the Boys' Clothing Department have brought many parents during the week. For tomorrow the attractions are even greater—

Suits.

Boys' Double-breasted Suits, neat dark stripe and mixture effects, about 15 styles; also Vestie Suits; some sold for less than \$2.98; now for... **\$1.19**

Boys' Double-breasted Suits, 2 and 3 of a kind, tasteful, dark mixtures and plaid blue, from best selling suits; \$4.98 regular price. **\$1.98**

Boys' Russian Blouse Suits, very stylish and finest qualities; sell up to \$6; kid and patent leather belts; remarkably priced. **\$1.98**

Young Men's Long Pants Suits, all very smart in material and tailoring; sold at \$7 and \$8. **\$3.98**

Choice of any Boys' Suit, made to order, to be delivered on January 12 and reached New York on January 13 and reached New York on January 13. **\$2.98**

Overcoats.

Boys' Overcoats, very drossy and superior grade; selling at \$3.50. **\$1.98**

Choice of a special lot of Boys' High-grade Overcoats, popular Oxford gray; sold up to \$5.98—special at... **\$2.98**

Boys' Double-breasted Reefers, with storm collar, blue and Oxford gray; \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Sale price... **\$1.98**

Young Men's Best Quality English Kersey Cloth Overcoats, blue, brown and black, finest linings; sold at \$12 and \$15—a most remarkable offering at... **\$3.98**

Three Knee Pants Specials.

Boys' Knee Pants, made of good materials for long wear—suitable for every day—**15c.**

Boys' All-wool Knee Pants, excellent wearing; the quality sold at 50c. usually. **22c.**

Boys' All-wool Knee Pants, some with double seat and knees; very durable. **39c.**

Four Clean Sweep Specials in Shoes.

As usual, Saturday is to be a day of bustle and business in the Shoe Department—for quick-selling prices have been made on many of the standard lines. Always remember that the Hecht quality guarantee goes out with every pair.

Including Ladies' Fine Vici Kid High-top, Rain-day Boots, regular \$3.00 value; and many, many, many more shoes in sizes, yet enough sizes in some kinds to fit anybody. **\$1.49**

Including Ladies' single pair Shoes (about 200 pairs)—Patent Leather, Vici Kid and Black Kid Shoes; all sizes; sold up to \$3.50 a pair. Sale price... **99c.**

Including Misses' and Children's Shoes, in all 15 different lots, from regular stock; but the other two members of the shoe family are also included in the sale. Some sold up to \$1.75. **89c.**

Including Boys' and Young Men's Modern-shape Shoes—leather soles and counters—black and russet—Vici and Goat stock. \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Sale price... **75c.**

SPECIAL—Men's and Boys' Best Rubbers—25c. pair.

Flannelette Wrappers--66c.

You can choose from all the Ladies' Fine Flannelette Wrappers, in all colors, all sizes from 36 to 46, made with yokes trimmed with contrasting color braid, skirt full width and trimmed with deep flounce, selling for 98c., and pay the Clean Sweep Price, 66c.

Expectation on Sidewalks.

The District Commissioners have abandoned, temporarily at least, the question of adopting a police regulation to prevent spitting on the sidewalks in the District of Columbia. Commissioner Macfarland approved a recommendation of the health officer that such a regulation be promulgated, but the other two members of the board simply noted the papers in the case, withholding their approval.

Recommendations Dismissed.

Private P. H. Lawler, of the police force has been found guilty by the trial board of conduct unbecoming an officer, and Maj. Sylvester has concurred in the recommendation that the policeman be dismissed from the force. Commissioner Ross has approved the sentence.

Seriously Hurt.

Chesley Spencer, colored, nineteen years old, was taken to the Emergency Hospital yesterday afternoon from the stone crushing plant of Littlefield & Alvord, at 20th and D streets northwest, where he had been injured. Spencer's clothing caught in the belt and his left leg was badly crushed before the machinery could be stopped. The injury to his leg is serious and amputation may become necessary.

The Body of W. C. Johnson was found in the city waterworks reservoir at Donkey Wyo. It is believed that he committed suicide.

Appointed Notary Public.

The President has appointed James F. Soggs a notary public for the District of Columbia. This is said to be the first appointment of the kind since the new code went into effect.

Work on New Church Edifice to Be Begun Soon.

The work on the erection of the new St. Ann's Church, Tenleytown, will be commenced next week. The permit for the building will be taken out probably tomorrow, and work will immediately be commenced. The building will cost about \$30,000, and will be of stone, presenting a handsome exterior. The architectural appearance of the church is the work of the architect, James J. O'Day, and John J. Horrihan has secured the contract for the stonework. The contract for the iron and wood work has not as yet been signed, though it has been awarded. The signa-